



ILLINOIS CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Being the state's oldest, largest business advocacy group, we say we are "THE unifying voice for business in Illinois," and that truly is our reputation. We bring together members from every part of the state representing a wide array of businesses and industries. Our members have diverse points of view on many issues, though most agree Illinois' business climate is always improved when we work together.

Modern technology and in particular reliance upon mobile broadband telecommunications access is critical to business success. We know the AT&T-T-Mobile USA merger will supply our state with the greater capacity, speed and access to connectivity employers need to succeed. Because of a proven track record in Illinois we have confidence AT&T will continue to make the costly investments necessary to build and upgrade its networks.

Those who live, work and do business in the state depend not just on high-speed broadband connectivity, but on mobile broadband connectivity as well. Our members, their customers, and our residents use mobile devices for more than just making phone calls. In fact, we rely on mobile broadband connectivity for just about every aspect of our contemporary lives.

We believe the AT&T-T-Mobile USA merger will be good for the future of our state. Our existing mobile broadband coverage can only improve, making Illinois an even more attractive place to live, work and prosper.

For nearly 90 years, the Illinois Chamber's reputation as the leading voice for business and the strongest network of business leaders in the state has steadily increased. Our engaged members represent the diversity of Illinois in business and industry sectors, geography, and company size. In representing the people of Illinois, we hope that you understand how important the AT&T-T-Mobile USA merger, and its timely completion, is to us.

Yours truly,

Doug Whitley
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